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25 July 1973

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, Department of Technical Services  
Defense Mapping Agency Topographic  
Center

**SUBJECT** : Geographic Names Gazetteer Printing

**REFERENCE** : Memo from Director, OBGI, to  
USATOPOCOM, Department of  
Technical Services, dated  
9 December 1970

1. Prior to the 1968 Bureau of the Budget decision to transfer the foreign names support staff of the Board on Geographic Names from the Department of Interior to the Army Map Service, this Agency provided over 90% of the financial support to the BGN foreign names activity as part of the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Gazetteer Program. Associated with this activity was the printing and publishing of country gazetteers, the cost of which was also provided for by this Office. A FY 1969 understanding with your Department of Technical Affairs reaffirmed that we would continue to cover the printing costs of these gazetteers.

2. As a consequence of the termination of the NIS Program by USIB action on 19 July 1973, it is now necessary for this Office to end its association with country gazetteer production. We will terminate our financial support with the completion of the gazetteer on Southern Rhodesia.

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3. We continue to regard the foreign geographic names activity as a useful one, and are hopeful that alternative sources of funding may be found.

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